

Farmer-Scientist Interaction Meet on ICT Awareness

ICAR-National Research Centre for Integrated Pest Management, Pusa, New Delhi in active collaboration with the of Krishi Vigyan Kendra Siaha, Mizoram organized interactive Farmers-Scientists meet (online mode) on 31 January 2022 under the project “ **Impact of Access and Usage of Information and Communication Technology in IPM at North-Eastern Region of India**”. Dr. H. Vanlalmuliana, Senior Scientist and Head of KVK, Siaha, Mizoram welcomed all the participants and also apprised about the constraints in the usages ICT in Mizoram.

Dr. Mukesh Sehgal Principal Scientist ICAR-NCIPM, Pusa New Delhi was the chief guest of this programme. In his inaugural address Dr. Sehgal shared his views on Integrated Pest Management in major crops of Siaha, Mizoram. He said that indiscriminate use of chemical pesticides creates several problems such as the development of resistance in pests against pesticides, pest resurgence, toxic residue in food, water, air and soil, elimination of natural enemies, and disruption of the ecosystem. He also elaborated on the role of ICT in IPM.

Dr Meenakshi Malik, Scientist and Principal investigator of the project explained that the objective behind this meeting was to create awareness about the different ICT tools and how these tools can help in the wider spread of IPM technologies. She also interacted with farmers on the importance of ICT in IPM covering all the important tools that can help the farmers in getting the authentic information at right time and how the tools can be helpful in the management of pests, thereby increasing production and productivity. Dr. R V Singh Principal Scientist delivered a talk on farmers’ participatory approach in usage of ICT tools to enhance the income of farmers. Fifty farmers participated and interacted with the project team of ICAR-NCIPM, New Delhi, namely Dr. Malik, Dr. Sehgal, Dr. Kanojia, Dr. Singh, Dr. H. Vanlalmuliana (KVK Siaha), and Dr. Lalfwadma (KVK Langtawi) in this meet. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks

Glimpses of Farmers Scientist Interaction for ICT Awareness

